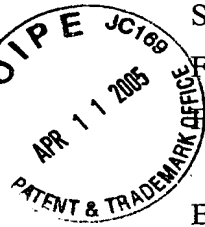


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RULE 116 AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL & REQUEST FOR ONE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing in the above-identified patent application is a Rule 116 Amendment in response to the final Office Action dated December 29, 2004. This is also a Petition Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) to extend the three-month response date by one month from March 29, 2005 to April 29, 2005.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge the appropriate fee, which is believed to be \$120.00 for the one-month extension, to Kenyon & Kenyon Deposit Account No. 11-0600, and is also authorized, as appropriate and/or necessary, to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Kenyon & Kenyon Deposit Account No. 11-0600. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is enclosed for these purposes.

Respectfully submitted,

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